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USUN RECEIVED AUGUST 6 FOLLOWING OPI PRESS
RELEASE, NUMBER GA/4783 (DATED AUGUST 2). RELEASE
IS TITLED "TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED TO PRESS BY
AQUILINO BOYD, CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM". TEXT IS PRECEDED
BY FOLLOWING COMMENT: "FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT
OF A STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE PRESS TODAY BY
AQUILINO BOYD (PANAMA), CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM."

BEGIN TEXT

(UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION IN ENGLISH)

"THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM, ESTABLISHED BY GA RESOLUTION 3034
(XXVII), BEGAN ITS WORK ON 16 JULY. TO DATE, THE
AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS HELD 17 PUBLIC MEETINGS.
IN THE COURSE OF THOSE MEETINGS, THE AD HOC
COMMITTEE HEARD, IN GENERAL DEBATE, STATEMENTS
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MADE BY 27 OUT OF THE 35 DELEGATIONS OF THE

STATES MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THE DELEGATIONS WHICH TOOK PART IN THE GENERAL DEBATE WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL GROUPS AND THEIR STATEMENTS REFLECTED THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS THAT EXIST ON THE SUBJECT ENTRUSTED TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. NEVERTHELESS, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DEBATE, IT MAY BE SAID THAT IN GENERAL GREAT PREOCCUPATION WAS EXPRESSED AT THE CONTINUATION OF ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WHICH CAUSE THE LOSS OF INNOCENT HUMAN LIVES AND, ALSO, THAT THE IMPORTANCE WAS RECOGNIZED OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE STUDY OF THE DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, ITS UNDERLYING CAUSES AND THE ELABORATION OF MEASURES TO PREVENT AND SUPPRESS ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IN THIS LIGHT, DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO COLLABORATE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF SERENITY AND UNDERSTANDING IN THE SEARCH FOR CONCRETE SOLUTIONS.

"IN ORDER TO ADVANCE IN THE DELICATE AND COMPLEX TASK ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE GA, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GENERAL DEBATE, DECIDED TO SET UP THREE SUB-COMMITTEES, EACH TO BE COMPOSED OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING SEPARATELY AND INDEPENDENTLY THE DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, THE UNDERLYING CAUSES THAT GIVE RISE TO ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND THE MEASURES TO PREVENT AND SUPPRESS SUCH ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

"IN VIEW OF THE VERY SHORT TIME REMAINING AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE COMMITTEE BEFORE THE END OF ITS PRESENT SESSION, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO ALLOCATE TWO WORKING DAYS TO EACH OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES IN THE ORDER MENTIONED ABOVE.

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN UP THE STUDY OF THE PROBLEM SUBMITTED TO ITS CONSIDERATION
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IN A SERIOUS MANNER WITH A VIEW TO EFFECTIVELY FULFILLING ITS MANDATE, AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM PRESENTS BUT CONSCIOUS ALSO OF THE NECESSITY TO FIND AS SOON AS IT MAY BE POSSIBLE JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THAT PROBLEM. THE WORK CARRIED OUT SO FAR BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE CONSTITUTES A GOOD INDICATION THAT IN A NOT TOO

DISTANT FUTURE THE GA MAY BE ABLE, ON THE BASIS
OF THE WORK THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE MAY CONTINUE
TO DO, TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL CONSTITUTE
AN APPROPRIATE ANSWER TO THE SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM REPRESENTS FOR HUMANITY."END TEXT
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